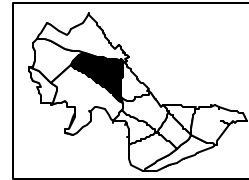


NEIGHBORHOOD 9

PEABODY



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

POPULATION: 11,794 residents
5,208 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$36,608

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

COMPARISON OF 2ND Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	31	17	11	30	22
Street Robbery	5	4	2	1	7
Auto Theft	16	18	20	10	13
Larceny from MVs	27	28	36	22	20
Malicious Destruction	34	28	55	55	30
Drug Arrests	3	3	6	0	2

2003 SECOND QUARTER IN REVIEW

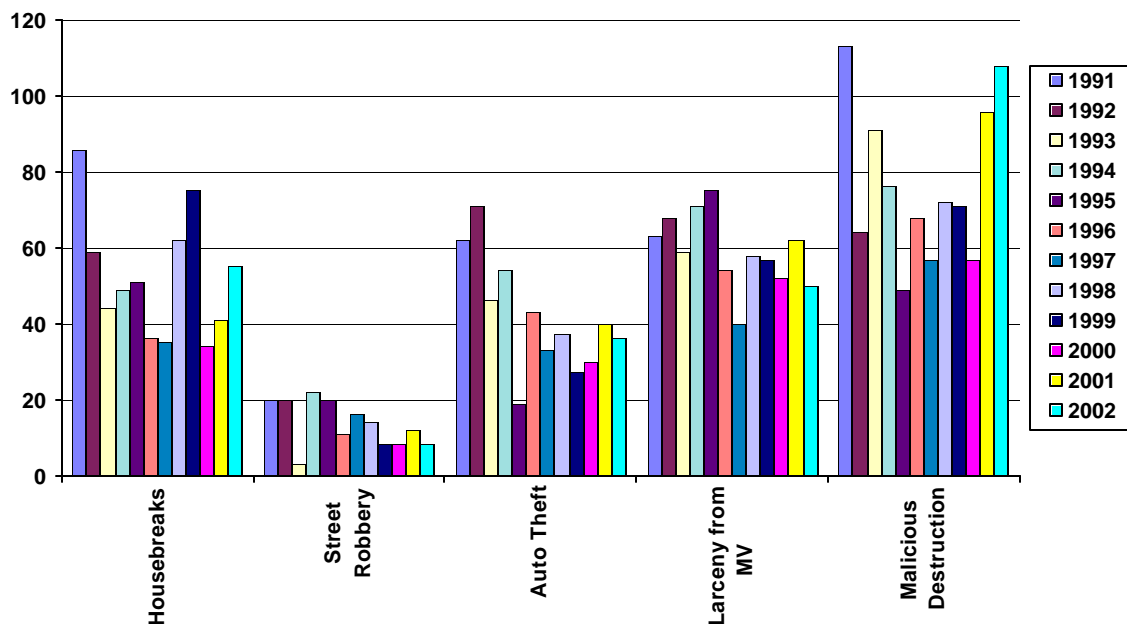
There was only one **street robbery** between April and June of this year. This one robbery was a purse snatching which appeared to be perpetrated by the same suspect identified in a similar incident in Agassiz just half an hour prior. The most significant robberies so far this year were two incidents which involved a youth demanding money from his victims, and then stabbing them when the money was surrendered. The culprit in these violent incidents was arrested a short time after the second offense, and was positively identified as the assailant in the stabbings. • Of the thirteen reported **housebreaks** in the last three months, nine took place in April. Most of these incidents can be accounted for by a spree of breaks at an apartment building on Linnaean Street and several residences on Washington Street. The property targeted in these breaks were laptops and cameras. The only other repeat location in this time period was on Chauncy Street, where two breaks took place in the past three months. • Two thirds of the **auto thefts** in the first half of the year took place between April and June. Several of the incidents were part of a series of thefts taking place in early April in which six Hondas were stolen from this area of Cambridge, particularly on Buena Vista Park and Linnaean Street. • During this time, there was also a surge of **larcenies from motor vehicles**, involving the theft of loose change from Hondas and Acuras. The car breaks were concentrated in the same area as the auto thefts. There were also two thefts of tires about a month apart, during which the perpetrator left the jack used to elevate the car at the scene. • **Malicious destruction of property** has decreased in this first half as compared to the previous year. Several locations were vandalized on multiple occasions, including a business building on Richdale Avenue, which continuously finds graffiti on the premises. There was also a small rash of tire slashings on Kelley Street on January 16th. • The only **drug arrests** so far this

year took place in June. Both incidents involved the arrest of individuals in possession of marijuana by the Special Investigations Unit.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residents include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way) and hundreds of single and double family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Also contained within its borders is Radcliffe College. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** to **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished such occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Avenue and Upland Road. This year, clusters returned to that region, though the crime has radically declined in other sections of the neighborhood.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles**, though low in this neighborhood, show concentrations on Richdale Avenue and in the triangle formed by Massachusetts Avenue, Upland Road, and Avon Street.
- Drug activity and juvenile crime have long been concerns in the Walden Square area. The Narcotics and Juvenile Units began targeting these areas in 1993 and have almost eliminated the patterns.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	150	3	53	5	3
Street Robbery	21	6	14	8	9
Auto Theft	94	8	43	7	6
Larceny from MVs	74	8	60	7	7
Malicious Destruction	135	2	73	9	5

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest